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HOUSE MEMORIAL 108

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE INDIAN NATIONS, TRIBES AND PUEBLOS OF NEW MEXICO TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR FIRE PROTECTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2005, Governor Richardson signed Executive Order 2005-004, underscoring a commitment to government-to-government dialogue; and

WHEREAS, through the executive order, he directed New Mexico executive departments to adopt consultation plans to strengthen coordination and collaboration in areas of mutual concern on behalf of all citizens of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, tribes and the state have made significant progress, creating partnerships and a common agenda in the areas of education, environmental protection, water resource

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1 management, law enforcement, public health, courts and
2 jurisdiction, among other important areas; and

3 WHEREAS, together, the tribes and the state have developed
4 and established policies to guide their shared responsibilities
5 and, where necessary, legislation to advance their desired
6 goals; and

7 WHEREAS, the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos have
8 engaged in a dialogue with fire and emergency management
9 personnel from other jurisdictions to assess the capacity of
10 fire protection and emergency management services; and

11 WHEREAS, the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos are in
12 need of fire protection services; and

13 WHEREAS, only six of the twenty-two Indian nations, tribes
14 and pueblos have a full-time emergency management services
15 coordinator; and

16 WHEREAS, only five of the twenty-two Indian nations,
17 tribes and pueblos have a part-time emergency management
18 services coordinator; and

19 WHEREAS, the fire marshal division of the public
20 regulation commission recommends that a task force be created
21 to establish a foundation for collaboration with the Indian
22 nations, tribes and pueblos of New Mexico in order to address
23 the need for fire protection services in Indian country; and

24 WHEREAS, the fire protection task force should include the
25 tribal leaders or their designees, the state fire marshal and

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1 others; and

2 WHEREAS, a fire protection task force would generate
3 solutions to address the need for fire protection services in
4 Indian country;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state fire
7 marshal be requested to collaborate with the Indian nations,
8 tribes and pueblos of New Mexico to establish a fire protection
9 task force to study issues of policy and to identify funding
10 sources to address the need for fire protection in Indian
11 country; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the state fire marshal, the governors of the
14 Indian pueblos and the presidents of the Indian nations and
15 tribes.

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